

## Sandy Point Community Group – AGM Minutes

<b>Date:</b> 14 January, 2023	<b>Start time:</b> 10:10am	<b>Finish Time:</b> 10:55am	<b>Location:</b> Sandy Point Community Centre
<b>Meeting</b>	2021-2022 AGM		
<b>Attendees</b>	Anne Kinne, Rick Martin, Michelle Jelleff, Peter Slifirski, Glenda Scott, Liz Brown, Doug Brown, Joyce Wright, Ray Henderson, Chris Harvey, Sue Buchanan, Neil Shaw, Frances Grimes, Phil Hill, Deb Hill, Adrian Fyfe, Rose Fyfe, Ian Fullagar, Paul Woods, Di Cornwell, Phil Cornwell, Rob McGauran, Alex Giannini, Bruce Dickey, Ann Dickey, Greg Johnson, Richard Tremewen, Alan Wright, Cathy Fraser, Peter Fraser, Nicky Walker, Stevan Zlatic, Judy Oliver, Heather Based, A Wynard		
<b>Apologies</b>	Peter Kinne, David Skipper, Debbie Lombardo, Danny O'Brien MP, Graeme Johanson, & Bronwyn Parry-Fielder		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Anne Kinne	<b>Record taker</b>	Michelle Jelleff

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1	<b>Welcome</b> Anne welcomed attendees and introduced Sarah Gilligan, Councilor South Gippsland Shire Council	
2	<b>Minutes from AGM held 22 January, 2022:</b> Note: Amendment to financial figures, Bendigo Bank term deposit to read: \$14,301.19	Moved – Peter Slifirski, Seconded – Joyce Wright Accepted

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<b>3</b>	<p>President's Report (Anne Kinne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase membership fees - \$15 Individual &amp; \$25 Family due to increase costs associated with administration</li> <li>2. SPCG Committee propose that future AGMs will be held within 5months of EOFY, with an information session conducted in January of each year to capture greater attendance and to address broad community issues and projects.</li> <li>3. Welcome everyone and thank you for attending. We decided to hold our AGM again in January as we feel most of you are here at this time, However, we are looking at reverting to the AGM being held at some time after the end of next financial year (usually September) as required by Consumer Affairs Victoria, but holding a community information session next January which we used to do in the past (pre COVID).</li> </ol> <p>The SPCG committee have had another full-on year of projects &amp; issues:</p> <p><b>Roads</b></p> <p>The SPCG recently submitted a comprehensive report to South Gippsland Shire Council from concerned residents of Sandy Point Road, east of Telopea Drive, who have no pedestrian access to the township of Sandy Point.</p> <p>This road, as you most probably are aware, carries fast moving traffic often towing boats to shallow inlet, and has a number of blind corners. Pedestrians are forced to walk along the road which has no verge, must cross the road several times to avoid these blind corners. Many cyclists use the road to connect to the Roy Henderson Trail, Beach and the Township.</p> <p>In response, Council recently met with SPCG delegates and local residents to gain further insight into the issues. We were somewhat disappointed in the initial negative response that Council could not commit to resolving our issues but they agreed to submit a request to VIC Roads to reduce the speed limit and report</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>Moved – Rob McGauran Seconded – Peter Slifirski Accepted</p>

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	<p>back to us on other what other strategies they are able to provide to make this dangerous road safer for all users. Upon our request for a pedestrian path, we were advised to submit a petition to Council to enable it to be included in their Paths and Trails Strategy. Preparation in underway for this petition.</p> <p>To heighten the issue, we were alerted that major sink holes appeared on one of the blind corners. The local ABC contacted me and consequently Frank agreed to be interviewed on air and used the opportunity to raise the broader issue of pedestrian and cycling safety. We were grateful that Council promptly repaired the roads the next morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ We continue to liaise regularly with Council for improved maintenance and traffic calming measures to increase the safety on our shared roads.</li> </ul> <p><b>Town Centre Plan</b></p> <p>Council, has advised there will be a consultation process with both Venus Bay and Sandy Point communities regarding town centre planning and upgrades in line with the economic development and tourism strategies. The intent is to present the plans and have these initiatives included in the 2023 Council Budget</p> <p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Our new website has proved to be a huge asset with many features streamlining our processes and facilitating getting information out to you. Our on-line membership system is proving successful and we will be looking at implementing further improvements to facilitate the process. Not only has Glenda continued to produce a vibrant, informative quarterly Newsletter but has also done a brilliant job with revitalising our Facebook and Instagram pages. We are truly 'out there' now!</p> <p>Many thanks to South Gippsland Shire Council for their generous grant which has enabled us to reap the many benefits of a much-improved system.</p> <p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>Our Projects Coordinator, Michelle Jelleff, has continued to be successful in gaining grants from SGSC: Welcome Sign, Sandy Point Habitat Rehabilitation (WiSP), Live Music for Foodies, Community Garden Signage and Victorian Public Record – Historical Interpretive Signage Grant</p> <p>We continue to advocate to South Gippsland Shire, other Government bodies and relevant stakeholders on:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre Plan</li> <li>• The Waratah Way Shared Trail</li> <li>• Implementation of a Skate Park</li> <li>• Toilets at Ned Neale's</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer events</b></p> <p>We were very lucky with the weather this year which certainly helped in making our Sandcastle Competition/Sausage Sizzle and Foodies &amp; Artisan Markets successful, enjoyable events with record crowds and participation. We have received positive feedback from the community and our vendors at Foodies and our Treasurer is very happy with the financial returns we have made after a few lean years! Several of our loyal returning Foodies vendors reiterated that they 'loved coming to Sandy Point and the people were so lovely and friendly and were very patient with the long queues. We will be conducting a review on our events and certainly would like to have more food trucks but found it increasingly difficult this year with a several of our regulars no longer operational and it seems everywhere has issues with obtaining staff. Power supply and available space are always a restriction. We are aware of these issues and will do our best to find solutions!</p> <p>We thank our sponsors and helpers!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandy Point General Store for their sponsorship of the Sandcastle prizes</li> <li>• Leongatha Aldi for their generous discounts</li> <li>• Member Adrian Fyfe for his help at Sausage Sizzle</li> <li>• Paul Minahan &amp; WBSLC for their assistance of helping with set up of Sandcastles &amp; Sausage Sizzle</li> <li>• Phil Cornwell and Rob Nicholson of Sandy Point Music for their assistance for the organisation and setting up for the music event</li> <li>• Danny Milton and Dot Devine Community Centre Management Committee for their assistance with Foodies</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Gippsland Shire Council for the grant to enable us to provide Live Music entertainment and support local musicians at our Foodies market.</li> </ul> <p>Thanks to our wonderful committee for their continued commitment to SPCG and the community and for their expertise and 'hands on' help, all which contribute to the successful project outcomes and events. I value your individual attributes, and most of all your friendship!</p> <p>After 10 years of service, our Vice President Frank Schrever will be retiring from the committee but has advised he will be willing to give a hand at events – the Foodies bar would not be the same without him! Thank-you Frank for all you have done over the years we appreciate your valuable contributions to SPCG and the community and wish you all the best!</p> <p><b>Sub Groups</b></p> <p>We appreciate the efforts of the SPCG sub groups who operate independently to provide a range of benefits to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Garden is flourishing and is financially independent due to donations and their fundraising.</li> <li>• Wildlife in Sandy Point (WiSP) has been proactive and have had successful workshops, information sessions and Koala Count</li> <li>• Sandy Point Music continues to provide a diverse range of Musicians for us to enjoy.</li> <li>• The Signage Group is currently preparing for history signage to be implemented in the T.P. Taylor Reserve – very exciting and will complement the existing environment and ambiance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Surfboards Rejuvenation</b></p> <p>The surfboards, which are positioned on the Main Beach walkway, have had a much-needed facelift thanks to Judy Schrever who did a lovely job revitalising.</p> <p>Further discussion on any of our current issues/projects will be welcome during the general meeting following the AGM. Feedback and questions will be welcome.</p>

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<b>4</b>	<p>Treasurer's Report (Rick Martin) – Financial Year ending 30 June 2022 SPCG continues to be in a sound financial position having total Cash funds of \$17,576.66.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT INCOME ITEMS:</b> <b>Fundraising:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Net Income: Sausage Sizzle /Sandcastle Comp</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$643.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Foodies - Sites component</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$730.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 60px;">-Bar component</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,759.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 60px;">- Raffle component</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$344.82</td> </tr> </table> <p>These activities represent a significant and dependable source of income to assist with financing our community work as well as providing an opportunity for some face-to-face interaction with our members and the general public.</p> <p>The Sandcastle competition is primarily staged to provide entertainment but there is a financial spin off in that the success of the Sausage Sizzle is largely reliant on the crowd attending the Sandcastle Competition.</p> <p>The Foodies Market has developed into a very popular event with both Traders and patrons alike. The introduction of the Bar and providing entertainment has been pivotal in elevating Foodies to a substantial fundraising source. SPCG is indebted to the Sandy Point Music Club for arranging the entertainment that in turn contributed to the Bar sales. The Sandy Point General Store management were generous in respect of our alcohol requirements.</p> <p><b>Membership \$1,504.22:</b> An important source of income from a small but loyal membership base.</p> <p><b>Advertising \$1,067.50:</b> Newsletter sales at <b>General Store: \$213.35:</b> The quarterly Newsletter provides the opportunity to secure what is a consistent income stream. In addition to advertising revenue, we also receive revenue from the sale of Newsletters in the General Store.</p>	Net Income: Sausage Sizzle /Sandcastle Comp	\$643.74	Foodies - Sites component	\$730.00	-Bar component	\$1,759.59	- Raffle component	\$344.82	<p>Moved – Greg Johnson Seconded – Glenda Scott Accepted</p>
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<p>We have been extremely lucky to have Glenda assume the role of Newsletter Editor following the many years of service from Di Cornwell.</p> <p><b>Grants</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Information Signs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,840.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Community Garden sign</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Website development</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,700.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Michelle (Secretary and Projects Co-ordinator SPCG) does a wonderful job in identifying Grant opportunities and compiling informative and convincing Grant applications that has allowed SPCG to finance some very important projects.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE ITEMS:</b></p> <p><b>Community Garden \$5,615.85:</b> Grant monies predominantly received in the previous financial year were expended on wicking beds and associated equipment. In addition, a sign financed by a Grant of \$1,000 referred to above was installed.</p> <p><b>Website development \$5,250.00:</b> Referred to extensively in the Presidents report. An important investment in communicating with our members and the wider community.</p> <p><b>Information signs \$7,160.88:</b> The signs attract the attention of numerous visitors keen to learn more about Sandy Point and its history.</p> <p><b>Insurance \$2,380.22:</b> A large but necessary expense. Apart from covering the fund-raising activities referred to in this Report the policy provides cover for the Music Club and WISP activities.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator Battery \$507.50 Monitoring \$107.57:</b> There are ongoing maintenance costs associated with maintaining this vital community service.</p> <p><b>Donations:</b> Sandy Point Community Power \$500 and Sandy Point Men's Shed \$500</p>	Information Signs	\$4,840.00	Community Garden sign	\$1,000.00	Website development	\$3,700.00	
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	SPCG is proud to be part of a culture within Sandy Point whereby the various community organisations support one another.	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p> <p>Sarah Gilligan conducted the election:</p> <p>Anne Kinne – President</p> <p>Peter Slifirski – Vice President</p> <p>Rick Martin – Treasurer</p> <p>Michelle Jelleff – Secretary</p> <p>David Skipper – General</p> <p>Glenda Scott – General</p> <p>Ray Henderson – General</p> <p>Liz Brown – General</p> <p>Doug Brown – General</p> <p>Adrian Fyfe – General</p> <p>Joyce Wright – General</p> <p>Nicola Walker – General</p> <p>Greg Johnson – General</p> <p>Bronwyn Parry-Fielder - General</p>	All nominations accepted



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6	Meeting closed – 10:55am

## Sandy Point Community Group – General Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> 14 January, 2023	<b>Start time:</b> 10:55am	<b>Finish Time:</b> 11:50am	<b>Location:</b> Sandy Point Community Centre
<b>Meeting</b>	General Meeting		
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	Discussion
1	<p><b>Cycle and pedestrian pathway</b></p> <p>Adrian Fyfe proposed consideration of a dedicated cycle and pedestrian pathway along the Sandy Point Road, suggesting this might be completed in stages, for example, Stage 1: Telopea Drive to Ennisvale Avenue, with the long-term view to continue such a pathway west past the farms and onto Waratah community. Adrian suggested this approach be considered as an alternative to the Waratah Way. Chris Harvey pointed out that this would be a significant shift by SPCG and recommended the Committee consider the implications carefully.</p> <p>A second suggestion was to vegetate one side of the Sandy Point Road, west of Telopea, to create a natural shield from the wind; this would benefit cyclists. Sarah Gilligan supported the idea of dedicated revegetation.</p>

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<b>2</b>	<p><b>South Gippsland Shire Council’s Coastal Planning Strategy – Phase 1: Discussion Paper:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sarah Gilligan outlined the Council’s Discussion Paper, highlighting its focus on a range of challenges including, but not limited to, flood inundation, sea level rises, land development, land slips and septic issues (Sandy Point). She invited SPCG to submit a response to the Discussion Paper, outlining major and minor issues so these could be incorporated into the Phase 2 of the Coastal Planning Strategy.</li> <li>2. Topics raised included: diminishing access to economical accommodation (caravan park), traffic calming in core township and suggesting a different approach to the Sandy Point Road (town ring road).</li> <li>3. Rob McGauran reminded attendees that the 2005 Strategy labeled Sandy Point as the ‘perfect walkable community’ with the heart of town and principal beach access 1.5km east and west, and 500m north, to town boundaries. Emphasis on educating drivers to slow down rather than widen roads and introduce foot paths, which research suggests increase car speeds.</li> <li>4. A suggestion was to increase the verge &amp; clear vegetation on problematic bends/turns. Kids on bikes and playing cricket/games in the streets is a feature of the town.</li> <li>5. Concern raised regarding the clearance of blocks for new builds, leaving little/no vegetation. Some blocks have not revegetated once the build is complete. Sarah Gilligan advised she would look into the enforcement process to remove and reinstate vegetation on town blocks.</li> <li>6. Rob McGauran commented on the revegetation around the outside the caravan park and the positive effect this has made, suggesting the Council Plan include replanting where vegetation is missing in public spaces.</li> <li>7. Sarah Gilligan advised that the Bush Fire overlay has impacted the ability to restrict vegetation removal.</li> <li>8. Sarah Gilligan reinforced that many of these issues assist in creating the town’s identity.</li> </ol>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Traffic Calming</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Enhanced ‘shared roadway’ signage required, in addition to updating existing signage.</li> <li>5. Consider flashing, illuminated speed signs in key areas throughout the core township</li> <li>6. Consider road surface treatment; this approach reinforces points one and two.</li> <li>7. Prioritise road users: 1. Pedestrians, 2. Cyclists &amp; 3. Cars</li> </ol>

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	8. Clear signage creating consistent messaging, especially at the town entry points: Telopea Drive and Ennisvale Avenue
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Access to the beach</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heather Bassed raised the issue of the challenge of getting a bike onto and off the beach.</li> <li>2. Richared Tremewen, President of the Waratah Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC), agreed with the challenges of accessing the beach for bikes, scooters, wheelchairs or prams. He highlighted the need to consider a different surface for the pathway to the beach from Beach Parade, noting that according to the WBSLSC records, there are 9000 people accessing the beach annually. Richard also mentioned that the lighting along this pathway was of concern and discussions with Council were underway.</li> </ol>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Dogs in town</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The issue of dogs not being controlled and off leash was raised.</li> <li>2. Sarah Gilligan advised that the South Gippsland Shire Council did not have leash orders. This is about to change under the proposed Domestic Animal Management Plan (October, 2022).</li> <li>3. It was suggested the process to make complaints or report non-compliance be made easier and less onerous. Sarah Gilligan indicated she would look into this matter.</li> </ol>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Sandy Point Community Centre &amp; TP Taylor Reserve</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peter Slifirski mentioned how fabulous the Community Centre was as a town resource.</li> <li>2. Peter Slifirski also suggested that an enhancement of the recreation space would add significant versatility. If the tennis courts were resurfaced to include a range of recreational options, including tennis, but also basketball, and lawn bowls, then it would be used much more by the community. He also suggested having a draw wire or sliding fence (east fence) to open the recreational area into the grassed area and the Community Centre building.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Rob McGauran mentioned that this was part of the 2005 Plan and that installation of additional water tanks under the existing tennis courts was also part of the plan; this did not proceed and the decision was not consultative.</li> <li>4. Sarah Gilligan indicated that as the Community Centre is the townships 'last point of refuge', there is funding available to enhance this facility to better accommodate the requirements of supporting a township during a crisis.</li> </ol>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Waratah Way</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rob McGauran mentioned that it was important to distinguish the drive for Waratah Way from the necessity to address the traffic issue relating to the Sandy Point Road – he emphasized that these are two separate issues.</li> <li>2. Rob McGauran proposed that the Waratah Way would connect communities, it would create the opportunity to walk, cycle, socialize and engage with the environment; in a similar way to the Roy Henderson Track</li> <li>3. Peter Slifirski and Anne Kinne cited a number of walking/cycling tracks (Warnambool &amp; Sunshine Coast) that have been constructed in environmentally sensitive areas, but allow access to the public.</li> </ol>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p>Anne thanked the attendees for their respectful contribution to the many key issues of Sandy Point. She also thanked Sarah Gilligan for attending and engaging with the SPCG members.</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Meeting closed – 11:50am</b>